

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims and replaces all earlier listings and all earlier versions.

1. - 23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

an image capture unit;

a memory adapted to store a first image captured by said image capture unit;

a first superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a second image on the first image read from said memory;

a second superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a third image on the first image read from said memory;

a display unit adapted to display the first image on which the second image is superimposed; and

an outputting unit adapted to output the first image on which the third image is superimposed from said image processing apparatus,

wherein said image processing apparatus ~~performs a process of rotating~~ rotates the second image according to a rotation of ~~[[the]]~~ said image processing apparatus before the second image is superimposed on the first image, and the second image is rotated without rotating the first image.

25. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein said image processing apparatus ~~further performs a process of rotating~~ rotates the first image according to a rotation of said image processing apparatus before the third image is superimposed on the first image, and the first image is rotated without rotating the third image.

26. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:

- an image capture unit;
- a memory adapted to store first image captured by said image capture unit;
- a first superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a second image on the first image read from said memory;
- a second superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a third image on the first image read from said memory;
- a display unit adapted to display the first image on which the second image is superimposed; and
- an outputting unit adapted to output the first image on which the third image is superimposed from said digital camera,

wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said digital camera ~~performs a process of rotating~~ rotates the second image according to a rotation of said digital camera before the second image is superimposed on the first image, and the second image is rotated without rotating the first image.

27. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to Claim 26, wherein said digital camera ~~further performs a process of rotating~~ rotates the first image according to a rotation of said digital camera before the third image is superimposed on the first image, and the first image is rotated without rotating the third image.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for use in an image processing apparatus including an image capture unit, a memory adapted to store a first image captured by the image capture unit, and a display unit adapted to display the first image, the method comprising:

a first superimposing step, of superimposing a second image on the first image read from the memory;

a second superimposing step, of superimposing a third image on the first image read from the memory;

a displaying step, of displaying the first image on which the second image is superimposed using the display unit;

an outputting step, of outputting the first image on which the third image is superimposed from the image processing apparatus; and

a rotating step, of rotating the second image according to a rotation of the image processing apparatus before the second image is superimposed on the first image, wherein the second image is rotated without rotating the first image.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising a step of ~~performing a process of~~ rotating the first image according to a rotation of the image processing apparatus before the third image is superimposed on the first image,

wherein the first image is rotated without rotating the third image.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a digital camera including an image capture unit, a memory adapted to store a first image captured by the image capture unit, and a display unit adapted to display the first image, the method comprising:

a first superimposing step, of superimposing a second image on the first image read from the memory;

a second superimposing step, of superimposing a third image on the first image read from the memory;

a displaying step, of displaying the first image on which the second image is superimposed using the display unit;

a outputting step, of outputting the first image on which the third image is superimposed, from the digital camera; and

a rotating step, of rotating the second image according to a rotation of the digital camera before the second image is superimposed on the first image,

wherein the second image is rotated without rotating the first image.

31. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 30, further comprising a step of rotating the first image according to a rotation of the digital camera before the third image is superimposed on the first image,

wherein the first image is rotated without rotating the third image.